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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN POSITION ON MBFR

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VIENNA FOR US MBFR DEL.

1. GENERAL OUTLINE OF GOH POSITION ON MBFR TALKS HAS BEEN CARRIED IN PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG, NOW WHICH STRESSES THAT "PRESENT MILITARY BALANCE OF POWER" IN AREA SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED AS RESULT OF VIENNA TALKS. NATO DESIRE FOR A "BALANCED REDUCTION" IS PAINTED AS

ATTEMPT TO SECURE UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE AT EXPENSE OF WARSAW PACT.

2. NEPSZABADSAG ALSO HIT WEST'S PROPOSAL THAT GROUND FORCES BE REDUCED, "WHEREAS AIR FORCE AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS REMAIN UNTOUCHED." PAPER STRESSES THAT "NATURALLY, SOCIALIST

COUNTRIES CANNOT AGREE WITH SUCH INEQUALITY OR WITH ATTEMPT TO CHANGE BALANCE OF POWER AT THEIR
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EXPENSE."

3. NEPSZABADSAG ARGUES THAT US REP BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF "HUNGARY'S SPECIAL STATUS" IN SPITE OF PREVIOUS NATO COMMITMENT. RAISING OF "HUNGARIAN QUESTION" ALLEGEDLY WAS "DEVIATION FROM MUTUAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEMS."

4. FORMIN EXPERT ON MBFR TALKS TOLD EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT GOH WAS "VERY SURPRISED" THAT US HAD MENTIONED HUNGARY IN OPENING REMARKS. SAID GOH HAD EXPECTED THAT QUESTION WOULD ONLY HAVE BEEN RAISED BY "MORE HARD-LINE EUROPEANS." FORMIN OFFICIAL EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT US HAD RAISED ISSUE BECAUSE OF POLITICAL PRESSURE EXERTED ON DEPARTMENT BY HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS.

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